THE REHEARSAL.

1. The most visible *Cause* of the *Ruin* of K. *Char.* 1.

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SATURDAY, *February* 9. 170⅘.

(1.) *Country-man.* YOU left off, *Master*, last time with telling me, That the *Covenanters* in the time of K. *Char.* 1. put themselves under the *Protection* of the *French King*, and Crav'd Aid of him against their own natural *Soveraign*, who was a *Protestant*. I have look'd the Place you Quoted in Lord *Clarendon's History*, and find that the Lord *Lowden*, and one *Colvil* were committed to the *Tower* for it, they not Denying the *Fact*, but standing it out. But did they shew no Signs of *Repentance* at their *Execution*, for such an Un-Parallel'd *Treason*.

Rehearsal. Execution! They were not *Executed*.

Country-m. How! Then did they make their *Escape*? or were they *Rescu'd*? Or did they *Hang* themselves?

Rehearf. No. No. None of these things. That *King* was such a *Tyrant*, he Cou'd *Hang* no body! He was Pleas'd men shou'd *Offend*, that he might have Opportunity to *Forgive*. His *Maxim* was, *Lenity*! *Lenity*! He Neglected his *Friends*. (He thought he cou'd make Bold with them.) And shower'd his *Favours* upon his *Enemies*, to *Reclaim* them. And this he thought was doing *Good*! They that were *Loyal* by *Principle* were *Good* already, and so needed the less *Encouragement*! But he soon found, when it was too Late, that *Nature* cou'd *Rebell* against *Principle*. He lost his *Friends*, but cou'd never *Reclaim* his *Enemies*. His *Enemies* cou'd not *Forgive* him. For it is he who do's the *Injury* cannot *Forgive*. I tell thee, *Country-m*, the *King* not only *Pardon'd* this *Lowden*, but Heap'd *Honours* upon him, made him an *Earl*, and Lord High *Chancellor* of *Scotland*. And in like Manner Preferr'd all the *Heads* of the *Rebellion*. As you will find in the said *History* of the Lord *Clarendon*, the 4th *Book*, p. 244. He did Every thing they Desir'd of him, being Resolv'd to Try what *Pleasing* wou'd do. He Abolish'd *Episcopacy*, and Established *Presbytery* in *Scotland*. For which he afterwards sore Repented, and ask'd *God* Pardon. And when they Declar'd themselves fully *Pleas'd*, and said that they had no more that they Cou'd *Ask*, and had Renew'd their *Protestations* of *Loyaly* to so *Gracious* a *King*; they straightway made use of the *Power* he had given them, and the *Arms* he had put into their hands, to *Join* with their *Good Brethren* in *England*, who were in *Rebellion* against him; and *Hunted* him to *Death*, as a *Bloody* and *Mercilefs TYRANT*!

(2.) *Country-m.* But *Master*, they say These things ought to be Forgot. Because most of those who were Concern'd in these Transactions are *Dead*. And we are not to Answer for them. The *Observator* of the 5th. last *Month*, *Vol.* 4. N. 80, says, *But observe honest Country-man, he plys about with poor FORTY ONE—— And thee and I, and the Rest of the People, have no more to do with FORTY ONE, than we have to do with the Man in the Moon.* So they'r all Lick'd *Clean* as a *Penny*!

Rehearf. But the *Ocean* will not *Wash* them *White*, while they Maintain the same *Principles* of *Forty One*. And Justifie even the *De-Collation* and *De-Truncation* (as this same *Observator* in *Ridicule* calls it) of the 30th. of *January*, 1648. And [the *Review* says, there was no more Harm in that, than in the *Dry-Martyrdom* of K. *Jam.* 2. as I have before Quoted him, N. 80. Now if he thinks that of K. *James* to be a *Martrydom*, what do's he think of those who did it? How will he Justify the *Revolution*? He is then a *Tory-Rory-High-Flying-JACOBITE indeed*! But if he thinks that of K. *James* not to be a *Martyrdom*, and that no *Wrong* was done to him at all, but that he well *Deserv'd* all he met with, and that the *People* were *Innocent* and in the *Right* on't. Then he must think the same of the *Wet-Martyrdom* of his *Father*, which he says, was as *Innocent* as the other. And then how will he Clear himself from *Forty One*?

One? And why ought not *Forty One* to be *Remember'd*, while it is thus *Juſtify'd*, and (as far as in the Power of theſe *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters*) *Re-Acted*, and for ever to be *Acted* upon our *Stage*?

(3.) Was not this the Meaning of thoſe who, ſoon after the *Revolution*, mov'd in the *Houſe* of *Commons*, That the Obſervation of the 30*th*. of *January* ſhou'd be laid aſide? But this being Carry'd in the *Negative*, ſhews it was the Opinion of the *Major* Part of that *Houſe*, That the *Revolution* did not Proceed upon the *Depoſing* Doctrine, or the *Principle* of *Reſiſtance*, but only upon the *Vacancy* and *Abdication*, which were the only *Points* they had *Debated*, but not a word of the King's *Forfeiting*, or being call'd to *Account* by the *People*.

(4.) And yet we have the full *Cry* of the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters* turning the *Revolution* altogether upon the *Depoſing* Point, and *Power* of the *People*. That they may have the *Queen*, and all our after *Kings* and *Queens*, wholly in their Power, to *Depoſe* them, *Impriſon*, *Dragg* them about the *Streets*, or *Cut* them in *Pieces*, for their *Treaſon* againſt the *People*, as the *Obſervator* Decently *words* it, *Vol*. 2, N. 22. And when *Forty-One* is thus brought Home to our Doors, who can help thinking of *Forty-One*? And now we ſee why theſe Gentlemen are ſo *Un-Eaſy* to hear of *Forty One!* It *Diſſects* them, and ſhews their very *Hearts*! It ſhews them *Lapping* that *Royal Blood* their *Fathers* ſhed, and *Guſhing* after more! And it is not ſo long ſince, but ſome are ſtill *Alive* who ſaw that *Black* Day, and were at leaſt *Conſenting* to it, and held the Raiment of thoſe who *ſlew* him, and Parted his *Inheritance* among them. And theſe *Tutor'd* up the Preſent *Generation* to be what they are, and have Erected them *Seminaries* and *Academies* all over the *Kingdom*, where the ſame *Principles* are Taught. And *MILTON'S Defenſio Populi Anglicani*, to Juſtifie the *Murder* of the *King*, is their Chief *Text* (becauſe they ſay it is good *Latin*!) Thus they *Fill up the Meaſure of their FATHERS*, that the *Blood* of all Injur'd *Kings*, and of all the *Rebellions* ſince the Beginning of the World, may be *Requir'd* of this *Generation*.

(5.) But, *Country-man*, I have one Queſtion to ask you. If the *Martyrdom* of 1648. is not to be Charg'd upon any who were not then *Alive*, will not the ſame Argument Clear others, in all like Caſes?

Country-m. Yes, ſure. For as we ſay in our *Country*, what's *Sauce* for a *Gooſe*, is *Sauce* for a *Gander*.

Rehearſ. Then, *Country-man*, ſee the *Juſtice* of theſe Men! In that ſame *Obſervator* I before Quoted of the 5*th*. of laſt *Month*, where he Clears all from any *Guilt* of 1648 who were not then *Alive*, he Charges the *Gun-Powder-Treaſon* upon the *Papiſts*, with this Reaſon, *I can't be brought over to a belief that my Country men have forgot the GUN-POWDER-TREASON, the IRISH MASSACRE, and the POPISH PLOT in the Reign of K. Char. 2. or that they Imagine the POPISH WOLVES are Grown Tame Creatures, have their Claws paréd, and are leſs Deſirous of Proteſtant Blood, than thoſe of their Predeceſſors: No, I cannot believe my Country-men Abandon'd to Such a Stupidity as this Comes to.*

Country-m. O *Blockhead*! *Blockhead*! He has Cut his own *Throat* in this, and overthrown all the *Defence* he made for his Dear *Diſſenters!* Pray, *Maſter*, don't *Convert* him, if you cou'd. For he'll be *Writing* on our ſide, and *Spoil* all the *Cauſe*! Muſt not the 30*th*. of *January* 1648. be Remember'd againſt the *Diſſenters*, becauſe it is ſo long Paſt? And muſt the 5*th*. of *November* 1604. be ſtill Remember'd againſt the *Papiſts*? Or was the *Gun-Powder-Treaſon* (tho I have no manner of Doubt as to the Truth of it) fully as *Evident* and *Notorious*, as the *Tryal* of the *King* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, and the Cutting off his *Head* at his own *Palace-Gate*? Some *Papiſts* have *Deny'd* the *Gun-Powder-Treaſon*. But which of them have Wrote in *Defence* of it? Whereas we have *Volumes* in *Defence* of the *Regicid*, and it is *Juſtify'd* to this *Day*. Have the *Papiſts* their *Obſervators* and *Reviews*, coming out Daily, *Rediculing* the *Gun-Powder-Treaſon*, and making it a Good *Jeſt*, if it had taken Effect! And do they *Juſtify* it, or the *Iriſh Maſſacre*, upon the Foot of the *Revolution*? How long wou'd they be Suffer'd to Live with us, if they durſt *Adventure* upon the *Leaſt* of theſe things? Yet their *Sins* muſt be all kept in freſh *Remembrance*, tho' of *Ages* paſt; but not *YESTERDAY Remember'd* againſt the *Diſſenters*!

(6.) During the *Rebellion* of the *Holy League* in *France*, the *Depoſing Doctrine* was ſet up. And a *Book* was then wrote, *de Juſta Abdicatione Henrici tertii*. But that Damnable *Doctrine* ended there with that *Rebellion*. And was Effectually *Renounc'd* and *Cenſur'd* in the *Firſt* of thoſe Memorable *Decrees* made by the whole *Gallican Church* in the year 1682. It has likewiſe been Oppos'd by the moſt *Learned* of our *Engliſh Roman-Catholicks*, as *Peter Walſh*, *John Serjeant*, &c. And one *Carron* a Learned *Iriſh Prieſt* Publiſh'd a large *Folio* in *Latin* againſt *Bellarmin* and other *Jeſuits*, in Anſwer to what they had wrote for the *Popes* Depoſing *Power*. And I have heard ſeveral *Engliſh Roman Catholicks*, *Prieſts*, as well as *Lay-Men*, ſay, that they wou'd undergo any *Teſt* cou'd be put upon them for *Renouncing* all *Power* in the *Pope*, to *Depoſe* even *Hereticals Kings*, or *Diſpence* with the *Allegiance* of their *Subjects*. But in all my Life I never heard any one *Whigg* or *Diſſenter* ſay (And I have been often with both *Sorts*, upon the *Subject* of *Government*) or ever Read it in any of their *Books*, that there was not a *Depoſing Power* in the *People*. So that they ſeem further from *Repentance* than even the *Papiſts*. And pray, let us Conſider which of them have done us the *Greateſt* or the *Lateſt MISCHIEFS*, and which are now moſt *Buſy* and in *Hopes* of *Attempting* the like again. But *Compariſons* are *Odious*. Let us Defend our ſelves againſt them *Both*.

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